

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

18. The spark plug in accordance with ~~any one of claims 1 to 17~~, wherein said center electrode tip has a cylindrical shape with a cross section in a range from 0.07 mm^2 to 0.79 mm^2 and said ground electrode tip has a cylindrical shape with a cross section in a range from 0.07 mm^2 to 1.13 mm^2 .

19. The spark plug in accordance with ~~any one of claims 1 to 17~~, wherein said ground electrode has a tapered shape with a cross-sectional area gradually narrowing with decreasing distance from said end surface.

20. The spark plug in accordance with ~~any one of claims 1 to 17~~, wherein said ground electrode has an outer layer made of a Ni alloy and an inner layer made of a copper or copper alloy.

21. The spark plug in accordance with ~~any one of claims 1 to 17~~, wherein said center electrode tip and said ground electrode tip are made of a Pt alloy including at least one additive selected from the group consisting of Ir, Ni, Rh, W, Pd, Ru and Os.

23. The spark plug in accordance with ~~any one of claims 1 to 17~~, wherein said center electrode tip and said ground electrode tip are made of a Ir alloy including at least one additive selected from the group consisting of Rh, Pt, Ni, W, Pd, Ru and Os.